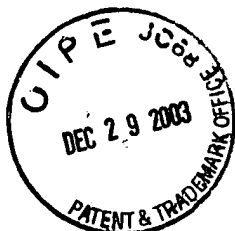


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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number (Optional)  
64251-010In re Application of  
Vorlop, et al.Application Number  
09/720,190Filed  
02/20/2001For  
Process for Producing a Polyvinyl Alcohol Gel and a Mechanically Highly  
Stable Gel Produced TherebyGroup Art Unit  
1713Examiner  
Reddick, Marie L.RECEIVED  
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$ 110.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))           | \$ 420.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))         | \$ 950.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))          | \$ 1,480.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))          | \$ 2,010.00 |

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 08-3460.  
I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the ☐ applicant/inventor

☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

☒ attorney or agent of record.

☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) \_\_\_\_\_.

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Signature

Robert C. Haldiman, #45, 437

Typed or Printed Name

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

☒ Total of \_\_\_\_\_ forms are submitted.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.1 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to Mail Stop Comments - Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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